

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. (U.S. Patent 4,870,686) in view of Kikinis et al. (U.S. Patent 5,799,067) and Schwelb et al. (U.S. Patent 5,950,123). The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. in view of Kikinis et al. and Schwelb et al., and further in view of Klatt ("Review of Text-To-Speech conversion for English"). The Examiner has rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. in view of Kikinis et al., Schwelb et al. and Klatt, and further in view of Marui (U.S. Patent 4,959,850).

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerson et al. (U.S. Patent 4,870,686) in view of Kikinis et al. (U.S. Patent 5,799,067) and Schwelb et al. (U.S. Patent 5,950,123). The claims of the present application recite that a short message, i.e. a character message, is transmitted to a hands free kit by a voice command. None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or disclose that a voice command is used to transfer the short message to a hands free kit. Withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 5 and 8 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 5 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 10, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 10 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-8 and 10, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a

telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent 6,493,815). The Examiner has objected to Fig. 1 as not being labeled "Prior Art". The Examiner has objected to the Specification for not labeling Table 3 of page 11, and not defining "BRO".

Regarding the objection of Fig. 1, amended Fig. 1 is submitted herewith with the proper "Prior Art" designation. Withdrawal of the objection of Fig. 1 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection of Table 3 in the Specification, it is respectfully submitted that the table shown on page 11 is but a continuation of properly labeled Table 3 on page 10. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Examiner's objection to "BRO" not being defined, it is first noted that BRO is a common term used in the art, namely "Bit Reverse Ordering". The Specification, at page 3 and onto page 4 has been amended to include the definition of the acronym. Withdrawal of the objection of the Specification is respectfully requested.

Turning now to the judicially created double patenting rejections of Claims 1-10, the Examiner cited Kim et al. as the basis of the rejection. Kim et al. is a U.S. Patent assigned to Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd, the assignee of the present application. At this time a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is filed herewith. Withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-10, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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